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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KENJI AIYAMA

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 For: IMAGE PROCESSING
 APPARATUS, METHOD, AND
 CONTROL PROGRAM

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

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 Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed, except for the listed U.S. patent documents.

An explanation of relevance of JP 10-207661 is given in the attached English abstract and on page 2 of the specification.

An explanation of relevance of JP 9-258932 is given in the attached English abstract and on pages 1-2 of the specification. Also, U.S. Patent No. 5,987,228 is in the same patent family as JP 9-258932.

The Examiner's attention also is directed to the following U.S. applications:

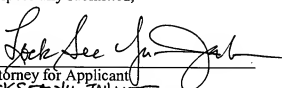
<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/203,513	12/01/98	2713
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A copy of each cited application, as originally filed, is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the listed documents and the enclosed applications be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the PTO-1449 form be returned indicating that the listed documents have been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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